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Tobacco use and maternal and child health

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control,[1] emphasizing the need for a multisectoral and inter-agency response to the tobacco epidemic at the country and international levels,

Considering the serious consequences of tobacco consumption on maternal and child health, and health in general,

Recalling the similarly serious consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke on maternal and child health, and its impact on child mortality,

Recalling also the Preamble of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,[2] recognizing the increase in tobacco use among women and young girls and recognizing also the devastating impact of exposure to tobacco smoke,

Acknowledging the effectiveness of tobacco control measures for the improvement of health,

Emphasizing the importance of protecting the well-being of women and children,

1. *Urges* Member States to consider, in their development cooperation programmes, the importance of tobacco control in improving maternal and child health;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] E/2010/55 and Corr.1.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2302, No. 41032.

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2. *Calls upon* Member States to include tobacco control in their efforts towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 4 on reducing child mortality and Goal 5 on improving maternal health;

3. *Calls upon* all relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to work together to reduce tobacco use among women, in particular among women of reproductive age, and the men living with them;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the World Health Organization and the Chair of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, to convene a meeting of the Task Force to discuss strengthening the multisectoral and inter-agency response to the global tobacco epidemic.